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## NEW DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL

Commissioners Propose to Classify the Work into  
Departments, Place Superintendents as Departmental  
Heads in Order to Fix Responsibility, and  
Give the Public Complete Reports through Press.

One of the most important moves ever made "from the inside out," in the city hall, has been undertaken by the commissioners and was laid before the council last night in the form of a report.

**Comprehensive Reorganization.**  
Briefly stated, it contemplates dividing all the city activities and enterprises into departments, placing a superintendent at the head of each of these departments so as to thereby fix the responsibility, separating the departments from each other, and placing the heads of each department in a position to make reports to the council and through the press to the public, and to generally take the details out of the hands of the commissioners and council and place it in the departments where it belongs.

**Outcome of Recent Election.**  
The proposition is not altogether new as this was one of the most agitated questions in the recent municipal election campaign, when pretty much every candidate proposed the departmentalization of the city's affairs and fuller publicity. The lines of the departmentalization of the city's affairs and fuller publicity are the lines which the commissioners are now following.

**Report Laid Over for Consideration.**  
The report was read last night and laid on the table for a week so that the council could have an opportunity to study its probable workings before passing upon it.

After receding the purpose of the change in system which the commissioners recommended the report said, in part—

**The Report.**  
In this, the growing time of our city, the resources available to the city are being used to the utmost to provide the demands laid upon them, heavy expenditures are being made, but that expenditures should be so safeguarded that the greatest results may be obtained, all waste and leak stopped, and expenditure outlay reduced. To move this end, the commissioners are of opinion that the necessary liberal alterations be made to the present system of the city, so that the most efficient officers who will

take pride and interest in the discharge of the duties laid upon them, is a measure of true economy and not one of extravagance. Upon the personnel of the city employees the measure of success to be achieved must largely depend, and we wish to secure to the city the best services of the best material available. To retain and put to the best use the expert acquired by those men by just and liberal treatment accompanied by a prospect of advancement in accordance with their merits.

To attain this method we recommend your consideration the establishment of the following departments, with the superintendents and salaries named for each, with explanatory remarks thereon.

**General Office.**  
Superintendent, F. M. C. Crosskill, salary \$125 per month.

**Assessment Department.**  
Superintendent, D. M. McMillan, salary \$115 per month.

**Engineering Department.**  
Superintendent, R. E. Keely, city engineer, salary \$125 per month.

**Power House Department.**  
Superintendent, J. W. Gushy, electrician, salary \$125 per month.

**Telephone Department.**  
Superintendent, E. Morrison, salary \$125 per month.

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## TWO COMPANIES SEEK FRANCHISE FOR POLYMER IN ALBERTA

International Gas Company of Cleveland and the Northwestern Oil Company of Edmonton Both Seek to Supply City with Domestic Gas—Council hears Proposition.

Two gas companies were before the council last night with applications for gas franchises.

The International Gas Company of Cleveland made their formal application. They offer to furnish gas at \$1.50 a thousand feet, with reductions at 10, 15 and 20 per cent, for 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 feet respectively. They promise to lay six miles of pipe at their own cost, to get down and guarantee to spend \$10,000. They do not ask for any privilege, except the right of way, and they do not ask for a special franchise.

The Northwestern Gas and Oil Co. are already known in Edmonton. They are the company which undertook to drill the well on the Jasper extension for natural gas. They had a nice franchise but allowed it to run out as they failed to operate for a period of six months. The company spent a lot of money and found gas in limited quantities, but never sufficient for a commercial supply. They ask for a period of six months, during which they will operate their drilling and promise to commence drilling again as soon as weather permits. The franchise they held was exclusive and they ask for a renewal of the exclusive franchise, of course, without shut out the International.

The whole question was laid over for a week. It will come up next Tuesday evening, along with a petition from some East end householders who complain that the gas well is a nuisance and that therefore the franchise should not be renewed.

**Electric Department.**  
Superintendent, J. W. Gushy, electrician, salary \$125 per month.

**Telephone Department.**  
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